

Originally coming from a rural area with absolutely no cell service at all and working for a cellular company—seeing the diverse customers coming into a store with a need for cellular service, I feel very passionately about the issue of capping the Universal Service Fund. Back home I have my parents, grandparents, and other elderly family members whom I wish very much had cellular service in case of emergency and to stay in touch. Up until I heard about a possible cap of the fund, I had hope that they might sometime soon have the ability to get cell service so that if they are out and about and need help quickly, they would have the ability to place a call which might save their life.

On a daily basis I see elderly and disabled individuals come into the store with stories and testimony of how cell service saved their life—and others tell of the lives of people they hold dear who were in emergency situations and had the ability to make a call. Some of these folks are in areas where the company I work for was able to provide service because of the USF.

Most of these rural communities, including the one I came from, struggle economically as well and lack of reliable cell service is a major inhibitor of these communities developing.

There are so many who can benefit from keeping the fund as-is—my family and community included. Please don't leave these people behind.

Sincerely,

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